

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division**

M.M.M., G.S., M.O.K., B.S.S., AND H.K.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 1:24cv1120 (MSN/IDD)
	)	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE	)	
and UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF	)	
HOMELAND SECURITY,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to this Court’s Court Order on March 18, 2025, Dkt. 60, the parties hereby provide this status report to inform the Court that discussions between the parties are ongoing. In addition to the updates provided in the parties’ March 14, 2025, status report, Defendants report that a consular officer at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad issued H.K. an immigrant visa on March 26, 2025. In addition, the U.S. Embassy in Muscat, Oman, will schedule G.S.’s case for a visa interview.

At this time, the parties plan to continue these discussions without Court intervention. Accordingly, in the interest of judicial economy, and to avoid an unnecessary and burdensome expenditure of this Court’s resources, the parties jointly request that they be permitted to provide a further update to this Court in fourteen (14) days, on April 11, 2025, as to the status of their discussions. The parties will notify the Court if the discussions result in resolution of some or all of claims in the above-captioned matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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